

**Catastrophic Incident
Incident Annex II
Colorado State Emergency Operations Plan**

LEAD AGENCY: Division of Emergency Management

SUPPORTING AGENCIES: American Red Cross, COVAD, Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Department of Public Health and Environment, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, Private sector, Professional organizations, and Salvation Army

I. PURPOSE Recognizing the State does not have stockpiles of material that can be used during a disaster / emergency, the purpose of this Incident Annex is to highlight those agencies that can assets / capabilities to bear during such an incident.

II. SITUATION

A. A no-notice or short-notice incident of catastrophic magnitude has occurred within or along the borders of Colorado. A catastrophic incident is one that results in tens of thousands of casualties (dead, dying, and injured) and producing added tens of thousand of evacuees and/or affected in-place. Life saving support from outside the area will be required, where time is of the essence.

B. Potential activities associated with this incident could include (but no limited to): mass care, mass sheltering, search and rescue, decontamination, isolation and quarantine, victim and fatality management, special needs population, animal care, VIP management, civil unrest, public information, and logistical operations.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. A detailed and credible common operating picture may not be achievable for 24 – 48 hours. However, once a catastrophic incident occurs, an initial assessment must be rapidly accomplished to facilitate the long-term decision-making / planning process.

B. Local entities will establish an Incident Command System to manage the immediate response to the incident. Mutual aid agreements will be activated along with the State's Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Management to assist in this response.

C. The State Emergency Operations Center will be activated, for an indefinite time, using the State Emergency Operations Plan to assist in the coordination of response and recovery activities. Federal agencies are

expected to provide liaisons to the Center, just as the State will be expected to provide liaisons to the local level.

- D. Anticipate no-notice arrival of national response and recovery assets into the incident area.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Division of Emergency Management

1. Activate the State Emergency Operations Center.
2. Coordinate the issuance of a Governor's disaster declaration and associated executive orders activating National Guard assets.
3. On behalf of the Governor, request deployment of National Disaster Medical System assets, through FEMA Region VIII Regional Response Coordination Center (303-235-4800/4900/4847)
4. Request, from FEMA, the deployment of initial logistical supplies of water, ice, food, etc.
5. Upon receipt of a Presidential declaration, be prepared to activate the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

B. Department of Public Health and Environment

1. Assist in the coordination of the medical surge process. It should be noted that medical surge caches are not state assets but are county/regional assets and CDPHE cannot direct the deployment or re-supply of the caches.
2. Ten of the eleven Regional Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Councils (RETAC) regions possess a 500-bed hospital surge cache. These regions are:
 - a. Central Mountain (Chaffee, Eagle, Lake, Park, Summit, Pitkin)
 - b. Foothills (Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson)
 - c. Northeastern (Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, Yuma)
 - d. Northwest (Garfield, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt)
 - e. Plains to Peaks (El Paso, Teller, Cheyenne, Lincoln, Kit Carson)
 - f. Southern Colorado (Custer, Freemont, Huerfano, Las Animas, Pueblo)
 - g. Southeast (Kiowa, Prowers, Bent, Baca, Crowley, Otero)
 - h. San Luis Valley (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande)
 - i. Southwest (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Saguache, San Juan)

- j. Western (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel)

The Mile High region (Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert) has been augmented to accommodate a 1,500-bed cache.

- 2. Review all public health-related Executive Orders for applicability to this incident.
- 3. On behalf of the Governor, when appropriate, request shipment of the Strategic National Stockpile and managed inventory.

C. Department of Public Safety

- 1. The Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS – see Resource Mobilization Plan) will play a critical role during the early response phase. This System can ascertain the availability of response assets from agencies across the State.

D. Department of Transportation

- 1. Be prepared to mobilize assets capable of hauling logistical supplies.
- 2. In conjunction with law enforcement agencies, place and program mobile message boards along main transportation routes and other key locations, and program fixed message boards as dictated by the situation.

E. Department of Military and Veteran Affairs

- 1. The Department's assets include both personnel and equipment. Department of Defense mission tasking will dictate the availability of these assets. For those assets that could respond, they may not be physically available for 24 – 48 hours following activation.
- 2. Specific assets could include:
 - a. 8th Civil Support Team to assist in the detection of hazardous substances.
 - b. CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) could assist in mass decontamination.

F. Federal Emergency Management Agency

- 1. In a catastrophic incident, FEMA is prepared to immediately delivery the following items to pre-established Local Points of Distribution (PODs) across the state:
 - a. Blankets - 48,000 each
 - b. Cots - 26,000 each
 - c. Emergency Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) 132,000 cases
 - d. Generator Packs containing 50 generators ranging from 10kw to 450kw - fully mission capable

- e. Ice - 750,000 units (each unit 10 pounds)
 - f. Water - nearly 2 million one-liter bottles
2. These items will be pre-staged and upon request by the State to the FEMA Region VIII Regional Response Coordination Center (303-235-4800/4900/4847) will be delivered to the PODs.